



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho's "Standards for Excellence" are a by-product of the Idaho Legislature's 1994 statutory definition of a "uniform and thorough" public school system; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature guided the development of Achievement Standards by sunsetting all of the State Board of Education's rules for public schools, approving new rules that refer to achievement standards, and appropriating funds to support the work of creating new expectations for Idaho's students; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's future depends on the strength and success of our youth, and currently Idaho has no clear measure to determine what students can do or need to know when they graduate from high school; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Board of Education, Standards Commission, and the public citizens of Idaho created the Idaho Achievement Standards for grades K-12 in the six subject areas of math, science, social studies, language arts/communications, health and humanities, and enlisted a broad segment of citizens in developing the Achievement Standards which also included Idaho educators; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Board of Education with much foresight, has kept their vision centered on what is best for all Idaho's public school students so they will be prepared to compete successfully in the workplace or at the post-secondary education level; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Board of Education's goal is to raise the required level of academic achievement necessary to graduate from Idaho high schools; and

WHEREAS, student growth and student achievement is the Idaho State Board's number one priority; and

WHEREAS, this is the beginning of a seamless educational system for grades K-12, and a shift from a "seat-based" educational system to a standards-based system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2002 to be

KICKOFF TESTING MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE